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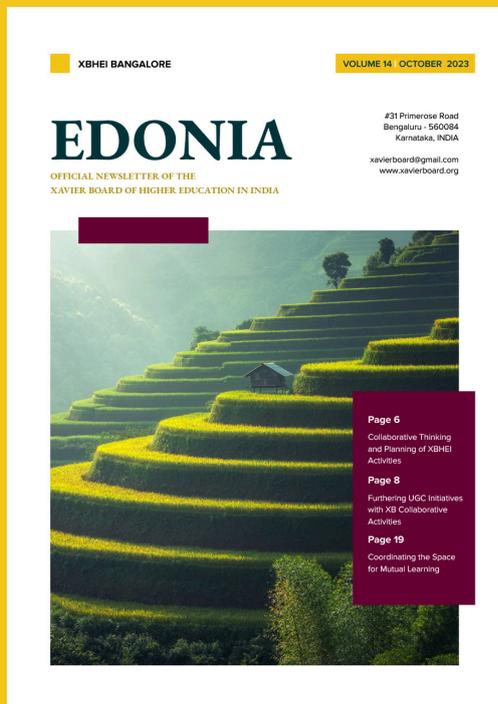
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‘Edonia’ denotes - A place of excellence and high standards. It has a feminine connotation in French language. Edonia’ is a derivative from Germanic name “Idonea” which is equivalent of Nordic goddess of immortality.

Edonia’ also means enthusiasm and the ability to encourage frustrated people to move ahead in life. The academic excellence we uphold through Xavier Board Member Institutions gives lasting freshness and fragrance to the Catholic Higher Education Ministry and the continuation of the Mission of Jesus Christ in the years ahead.

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## Message from the President



**Fr. Dr. L. Joji Reddy, S.J.**

President, XBHEI

Dear Members of Xavier Board, India, It gives me immense pleasure to address you through this message as the President of Xavier Board, India, and share our vision for the future of education in our esteemed institutions. In today's rapidly evolving educational landscape, staying at the forefront of pedagogical advancements is not just a choice; it's a necessity. Xavier Board Colleges of India, has always been committed to providing quality education and nurturing young minds.

To carry on this tradition, we must embrace cutting-edge pedagogical practises and start on a journey with 'Edonia.' The term 'Edonia' refers to a comprehensive approach to modern education that includes

new teaching methods, technology integration, and a focus on holistic development. It is a route to excellence that we must all take together.

To facilitate this, we must launch numerous joint projects, such as 1. We will actively pursue partnerships and collaborations with universities and educational institutions on both the national and international levels. This will facilitate knowledge sharing, collaborative research projects, and more cultural diversity within our 2. We will work hard to raise our member institutions' national and worldwide rankings. We seek to guarantee our place among the world's finest educational institutions by joint efforts, exchanging best practises, and benchmarking against global standards.

3. It is critical that we establish a platform for our member colleges to share best practises in pedagogy, student engagement, and faculty development. The most recent educational practises and ideas should be used, allowing us to provide our students with the tools they need for lifetime learning. It is critical for our students to be prepared to compete with disruptive technologies that are emerging in many aspects of life in our fast-paced world.

Let us take use of this chance to embrace change and innovation, altering our institutions to best prepare our students for the challenges and opportunities that await them. We can work together to create an environment that promotes growth, innovation, and flexibility. This idea exchange will promote innovation and continual improvement. As we continue on this road, I encourage each institution to actively participate in and contribute to the realisation of our shared vision. Your thoughts, devotion, and collaborative thinking will be critical to our success.

Let us stand together, using the strength of Xavier Board, India, to create the future of education and provide the greatest possible learning experiences for our students and stakeholders. Let us collaborate to give our students the tools they need to thrive in an ever-changing world. Together, we can have a long-term impact on the lives of many young minds while also contributing to the advancement of our country. Thank you for your continuous support, and I look forward to reaching new heights with you all.

# Office Bearers

## Office Bearers' presence in Member Institutions



**President's visit to Jesuit College, Mangalore**  
*26 - 28 January 2023*

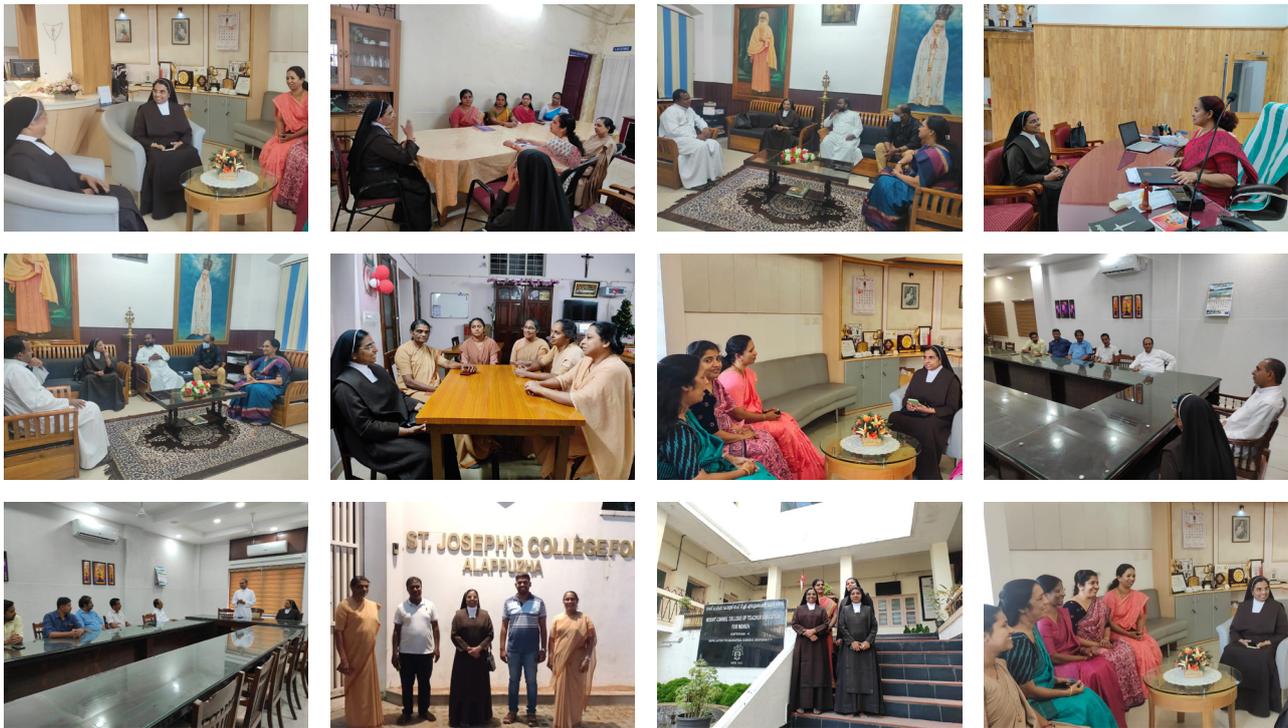
The President attended the Jesuit Higher Education meeting of South Asia that was held in Mangalore from 26 to 28 January 2023. Many Principals and Directors of Jesuit Higher education participated in the meeting organised by Fr Dr Joe Arun the secretary of JHEASA in collaboration with St. Aloysius college which secured 3.67 in the recent NAAC accreditation. Fr Dr Praveen Martis SJ the Principal the Management and the student volunteers have welcomed us and taken care of us so well.

He also met the Director ( Fr Dr Richard Aloysious Coelho) and assistant director (Fr Dr Ajith) of Father Mullars Medical college, Assistant Director of St. Joseph's engineering college ( Fr Dr Alwyn) principals of St Agnes, Dr Sr Vinissa and St Anns college of education principal Sr Dr Dorothy who is an executive Member of XB. So happy to meet all of them in their respective institutions. They are doing wonderful work and May God bless them abundantly in all walks of their life. Good day. National Executive Committee Members of Xavier Board India visited various colleges in Kerala



from 3rd to 7th June 2023. St. Teresa's College, St. Albert's College, Albertian Institute of Science and Technology (AISAT), Rajagiri Higher Educational Institutions at Rajagiri Valley, Kakanad, Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy, Little Flower College, Guruvayoor, St. Thomas College, Thrissur, Sacred Heart College, Thevara and Vedhik IAS Academy.

## XB General Secretary's visit to Colleges in Kerala



Dr. Sr. Teresa CSST, General Secretary of Xavier Board visited various colleges in Kochi, Kottayam, Kollam, Allapuzha districts in Kerala from December 2022 to January 2023. She also visited St. Alberts College, Autonomous, St. Teresa's College Autonomous, Mount Carmel B.Ed. Training College, St. Berchman's College Autonomous, Assumption College, Fatima Mata National College Autonomous, St. Joseph's College for Women and Meeting the Representatives of Mar Ivonios College at St. Joseph's college for Women.

## Visit to De Paul College Mysore, Karnataka

*February 2023*



## Visit St. Joseph's University, Dimapur, Nagaland



# Collaboration *Option*

## Collaborative Thinking and Planning of XBHEI Activities



## St. Xavier's College Jalukie, Nagaland

The 77th Xavier Board Executive Board meeting was held at Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous, Bangalore on 10th and 11th December 2022.



Meeting on Xavier Board Website updation on 10/ 02/ 2023 at 3 p.m at St. Vincent Pallotti College, Bangalore.



Kerala North XB Regional Meeting organized by the Regional Executive Committee Members of Kerala North on 4th February Saturday 2023 at St. Thomas College , Autonomous, Thrissur.

## Annual General Body Meeting - Western Region (Online) 28 February 2023

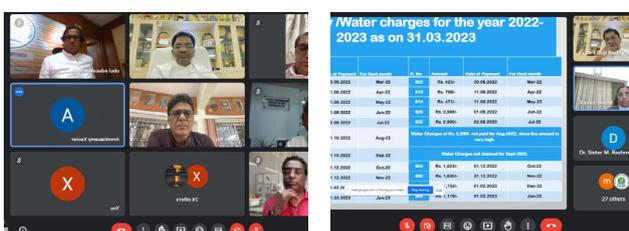


### XB National Executive Committee Meeting, Nagpur

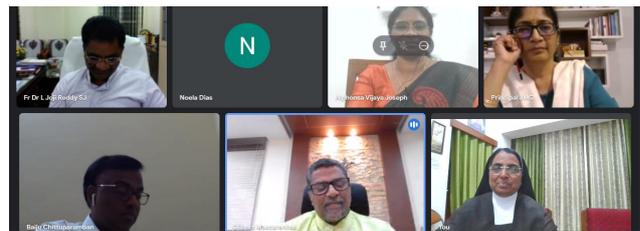


Xavier Board National Executive Committee Meeting was held at St. Vincent Pallotti College of Engineering and Technology, Nagpur on 25th and 26th March 2023.

### XB National Executive Board Meeting (Online)



### XB National Executive Committee Members Meeting

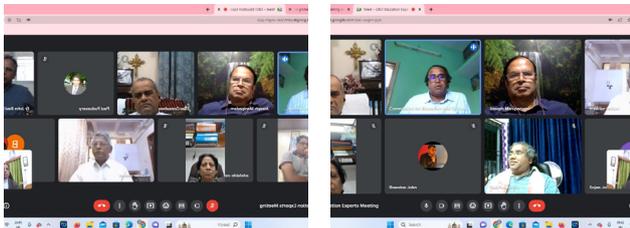


National Executive Committee Members meeting was held on 8th June 2023 in view of preparation for the forthcoming AGM 2023.

### XB Building Committee Meeting, Bangalore



## CBCI Meeting of National Educational Leaders - Online



CBCI Meeting of National Education Leaders on Global Compact on Education and Presentation of Draft Catholic Education Policy 2023 was held online on May 2nd 2023 at 4 pm.

## Meeting for XB Building Renovation & Rental Status



Rev. Fr. Joji Reddy, President and Rev. Fr. Gilbert Mascarenhas, Vice President had a meeting at the Xavier Board National Office on 20th September 2023 discussing on the status of the building renovation and finalizing the rental status of the remaining tenant Mr. Chandrakanth.

# Internal Audit

*XB National Office, Bangalore  
21 January 2023*



Internal Audit was held at the Xavier Board National Office, Bangalore on 21 January 2023. The Auditors appointed by the Executive Board were Dr. Lourderaj Ignacimuthu, Dr. Martin Kolambrath, Dr. Br. Victor Raj. Xavier Board Quarterly Internal Audit was also held at the National Office on 10 September 2023.

# XB Collaborative Activities

*Furthering UGC Initiatives with XB Collaborative Activities*



Inaugural function of International Conference organized by St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), College, Mysuru, in collaboration with XBHEI on 9th February 2023.

## International Conference at Siloam Transformational Leadership Research Centre, Meghalaya



Inaugural function of international conference at Siloam Transformational Leadership Research Centre in Meghalaya in Collaboration with XBHEI from May 5th to 7th 2023. Congratulations Dr. Fr. George Thadathil SDB, Former President of AIACHE and Principal, Salesian College Autonomous Siliguri and Dr. Joby Joseph SDB Rector St. Anthony's College, Shillong.

## A Two-Day International Conference in Collaboration with Xavier Board of Higher Education India.



De Paul Degree College has organized a Two-Day International Conference in collaboration with Xavier Board of Higher Education India on “Bridging the Gap: On the Intersection of Science, Technology, Education, Commerce, and Management” on July 15th and 16th 2023 on Hybrid Mode. In Collaboration with Xavier Board, AIRIO, and Department of Genetics & Genomics, University of Mysore. With benediction with Adamson University, Manila, Philippines, and DePaul University, Chicago, United States. The conference aims to provide an opportunity for researchers, students, Professionals, and experts from diverse fields across the globe to exchange ideas, share knowledge, and foster collaborations.

Participants were from Four Continents, 16 Countries, 16 Districts in Karnataka, and 11 States in India. Chief Guest for the Inaugural and Valedictory, President, Adamson University, Rev. Dr. Marcelo V. Manimtim CM, President, DePaul University, Dr. Robert L. Manuel, Mandya University, Vice Chancellor Dr. Putturaju, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore- Dr. Rangappa K S, Director, HRDC-UGC, Prof. S. Suttur Malini, Secretary General, Xavier Board, Rev. Dr. Teresa CSST, Dean of Business Administration, Adamson University, Dr. Ruben M Nayve Jr., Academic President, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Col. Sudhindra Shamanna, Global President, AIRIO, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph. Mar Thomas, were present.

## Summer Youth Leadership Program XIME in collaboration with XBHEI, Bangalore



Youth Leadership Program at XIME , Bangalore in collaboration with Xavier Board from 8th to 13th May 2023. Dr. Fr. Joji Reddy SJ and Dr. Sr. Teresa CSST were at the Sessions and the Valedictory function at XIME on the 13th May.

## National Peace Convention at NEISSR, Dimapur, Nagaland



North East Institute of Social Sciences and Research, North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati and North East Diocesan Social Forum, Guwahati in collaboration with Xavier Board of Higher Education India, Bangalore organized a National Peace Convention on the theme “Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the Global Goals” held from 30th September to 2nd October 2023 at at NEISSR, Dimapur, Nagaland.

## Conference of Catholic Colleges of Karnataka



Catholic Colleges of Karnataka in collaboration with the Xavier Board, India, organized a State-Level Seminar on “Sustaining Quality and Relevance in Higher Education,” on 24th March, 2023 at Jyoti Nivas College, Bangalore.

Conference of Catholic Colleges of Karnataka, Mysore Chapter and Karnataka Region of Xavier Board, India in association with St. Philomena’s College, Mysore organized a One-Day Induction Program for the new Faculty on June 17, 2023

# Faculty Development Program

*Updating UGC's Recent Guidelines*

**“Innovations in Teaching Pedagogy and Research Trends”**



The Five-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Innovations in Teaching Pedagogy and Research Trends commenced on 3rd July, 2023 at Carmel Hall of Patna Women's College. The FDP is being jointly organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Patna Women's College (Autonomous) and St. Xavier's College of Management and Technology, Patna in collaboration with Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, Bengaluru.

The Programme started with a prayer and lighting of lamp. The dignitaries in the inaugural session were Dr. Father L. Joji Reddy S.J., President, Xavier Board, Rev. Father Gilbert Mascarenhas SAC, Vice President, Xavier Board, Dr. Sister Teresa CSST, Secretary General, Xavier Board, Dr. Sister M. Rashmi A.C., Principal, Patna Women's College, Dr. Sister M. Tanisha A.C., Superior Avila Convent and Vice Principal, Patna Women's College, Dr. Father Martin Poras, Principal, St. Xavier's College of Management and Technology, Patna.

Dr. Sister M. Rashmi A.C., Principal, Patna Women's College in her opening address spoke about the proud history of the Institution and highlighted the importance of FDPs on relevant issues for reenergizing the faculty members at the onset of new academic session. The FDP for teachers is to rejuvenate and train the trainers whose hallmark must be nothing but excellence and development of their Institutions. The keynote address of the FDP was presented by Dr. Father L. Joji Reddy S.J., President, Xavier Board, in his thought-provoking address, Father threw light on the vital role of teachers in shaping the future of young generation. He said that performances are always better than promises. For progressive performances, a teacher during the recent times has to develop and adopt the techniques of IT revolution, artificial intelligence, machine learning, deep learning etc.

In the plenary session of the FDP, Dr. Sister Teresa CSST, delivered a special lecture on the topic “Empowering minds, enriching futures: Embracing NEP 2020 in higher education ecosystem. She presented in detail the guidelines, features, clarifications, and regulatory mechanism of NEP 2020.

## Faculty Development Program, Chalakudy



Faculty Development Program was held at Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy in collaboration with Xavier Board on 1st June 2023.

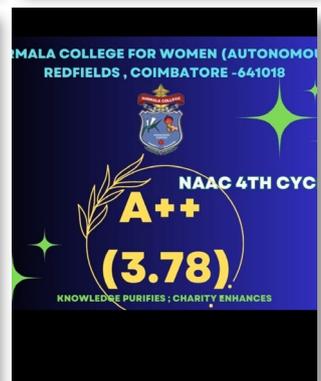
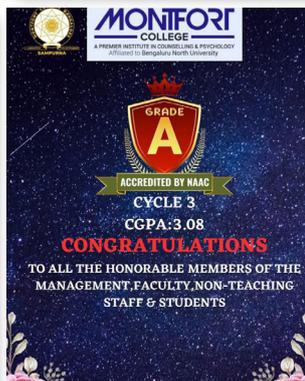
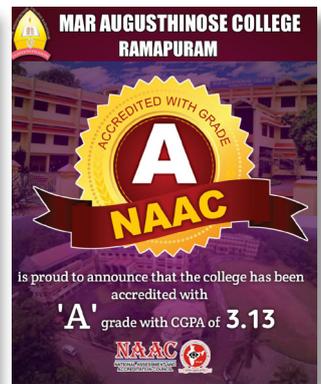
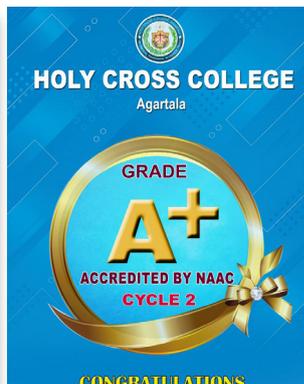
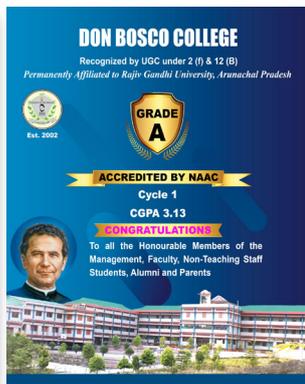
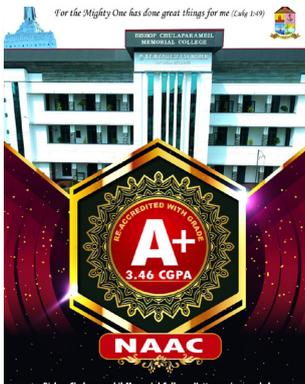
## XB, Bangalore and Vedhik e-Schools, Karnataka



# Institutional Grading & Ranking

*National & International Levels*

## NAAC Ranking of Colleges



## NAAC Ranking of Colleges...



# Awards & Recognition

## Congratulations...



Dr. Fr. Joji Reddy, Dr. Rajendra Shinde, Dr. Sr. Arpana CSST and Dr. Lekha Tharian received Education World Magazine Award on 27/05/2023 in New Delhi on behalf of their respective colleges. Congratulations to all the awardees...



# In Memoriam

*Rest in Peace...*



- 18 March 2023 - **Rev. Mar Joseph Powathil**  
*Archbishop of the Archeparchy of Changanassery*
- 21 March 2023 - **Fr. Lonachan Arouje**  
*Former Faculty, Dept. of Zoology, St. Michael's College, Cherthala, Kerala*
- 24 April 2023 - **Prof. P.J. Roy**  
*Former Principal of St. Paul's College, Kalamasery, Kerala*
- 23 July 2023 - **Br. Dr. Yuju SG**  
*Principal of Little Flower Degree College, Hyderabad.*
- 02 September 2023 - **Sr. Dr. Genevieve CSST**  
*Former Principal of Mount Carmel College, Bangalore*
- 05 October 2023 - **Fr. Joseph Pulavelil**  
*Asst. Professor and Bursar of Alphonsa College, Pala*

# Highlights of XB Events

## *Collaboration Option*

### South Kerala Regional Meeting



Xavier Board of Higher Education South Kerala Regional Meeting at St. Berchman's College, Changanaserry, Kottayam district on 29.09.2023.



The official gathering commenced with a prayer song. Rev.Fr. Reji P Kurian, President XB, Kerala Southern Region welcomed the gathering. There were 56 participants for the meeting. Arch Bishop Mar Joseph Perumthottam inaugurated the meeting. Followed by a session on Implementation of Four Year Honours Degree Programme in Kerala: Structure, Concerns and Prospects was taken by Prof( Dr) Gabriel Thattil Sir, the IQAC coordinator of University of Kerala. The session was very helpful to the gathering. After that there was a executive committee was formed ensuring the representation from six districts of Southern region of Kerala.

### National Webinar, *Mount Carmel College, Bangalore*



### Relief Camps in Manipur



The peace channel and NEISSR diocese of Kohima along with the joint Christian Forum Nagaland are planning to travel to the conflict-hit area of Manipur for relief services on 21.06.2023. We are planning to distribute 150 shelter kits which contain two-bed sheets, a pillow and pillow case, bathing soaps, a sleeping mat, and a bathing towel, and the food kit contains 10 kg rice, 1 litre refined oil, two kg sugar, mutter, tea leaf, salt and two kg Dal. We the ten-member team will be visiting relief camps and has planned to have a meeting with Kuki and Meithei leaders in Manipur.

## Relief Camps in Manipur - *East and North East Region*



CFD in collaboration with the Assemblies of God, the All Manipur Christian Organisation (AMCO) also, offered their support to reach out to the three Meithei relief camps and one Kuki relief camp at Kangpokpi respectively covering over 350 families.

This humanitarian effort showcased the essence of compassion, unity, and solidarity between the Kukies and Meithei respectively. The CFD peace mission consists of Rev. Moses Murry, Chairman, Rev. S. Vitoshe Swu the vice president, Fr. Dr. C. P. Anto the Sec, Rev. Vangpong phom member and Rev. Kevihulie pienyu the member. Most.Rev. Thomas Menampampil Archbishop Emeritus from Guwahati too joined the peace mission.

In the first phase of the relief operation was done on the 21st June 2023, the Christian Forum Dimapur

worked in partnership with the Catholic Church through Peace Channel, Clarician congregation to buy the food provisions, Camp Kit and Queen Mary Hr. Sec. School Mokokchung to by the 12 channel ECG machine for the Kangpokpi Christian mission hospital. We also interacted and expressed our solidarity with the AMCO members along with Senapati Baptist church council and the Kuki tribal leaders.

In the second phase was done on the 26th July 2023, the CFD Forum collaborated with the Assemblies of God of East India (AGEI) to reached out to alliviate the pain and sufferings of the Meithei communities in the three relief camps. This initial phases demonstrated the CFD's commitment to assisting all communities, regardless of their backgrounds, and reinforced the message of inclusivity. In both phases the team distributed medicine, food provisions like rice, oil, biscuits, sugar, dhal, the camp kits including mosquito net, bed sheets, pillow and pillow cases, torch, bathing towel and soap. In both phases around five relief camps, we could provide services.

The Christian Forum Dimapur also emphasized the significance of interaction with inter-religious groups and intellectuals of the Meithei communities. This aspect of the mission aimed to foster dialogue, understanding, and communal harmony, promoting the idea of peaceful coexistence among diverse religious and cultural groups. The joint efforts of the CFD and AMCO demonstrated that religion can serve as a unifying force, transcending differences and promoting a shared commitment to humanitarian causes. By combining their resources and expertise, these organizations exemplified the potential of collective action in bringing relief to communities in distress.

The success of this peace mission not only brought tangible relief to the Kukies and Meithei but also served as a testament to the power of collaborative initiatives in achieving meaningful change in society. The compassion and dedication displayed by the Christian Forum Dimapur and its partners will likely inspire others to join hands in similar efforts, forging a path towards a more harmonious and empathetic world. The team also had a short interacted with the director of Social Welfare department Manipur, Women commission officials Manipur and the Manipur press respectively. The contributors were the following. Dimapur Sumi Baptist Church, Bethesda AG Church, Nagaland Christian Revival, Rengma Baptist Church, Dimapur baptist women Union and individuals. We also thanked the AMCO for their assistance and support.

**Fr. C. P. Anto, Sec. CFD & Rev. Moses Murry Chairman CFD**

## One Day Seminar - *XB Kerala North Region*



XB Kerala North Region One Day Seminar in Collaboration with Xavier Board of Higher Education in India on “Empowering HEIs: Unraveling NEP 2020 in Kerala Context “was held on 18th August 2023 at St. Joseph’s College of Teacher Training, Ernakulam. Dr. Sr. Teresa CSST, Secretary General, Xavier Board inaugurated the Seminar, Dr. Vijaya Joseph President, Xavier Board Kerala North Region presided over the function, Dr. Sr. Alice, Principal, St. Joseph’s college welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. The esteemed resource persons were Dr. Priya Nair, Former Research officer of Kerala State Higher Education Council and Faculty of St. Teresa’s College Autonomous and Dr. Sunila Thomas, Titus College of Education. There was also a meeting of the Kerala North Regional Executive committee members and representatives updating the implementation process of upcoming AGM 2023 at Rajagiri Valley from 21st to 23rd October 2023.

## Inter-Religious Harmony - *XB Western Region*



The following activities were conducted by Western Region Xavier Board of Higher Education:

An online meeting of the Xavier Board of Higher Education of India, Western Region, was held on 28th February 2023 at 5 p.m. to discuss the activities for the year. It was noted that the members had not paid their dues so were contacted for the same. There was a decision to invite non registered colleges to join the Xavier Board of Higher Education of India. The team had contacted colleges with their email id, name of Principal, mobile nos. A review on better collaboration of colleges was discussed. All members shared on matters of regional concern.

The West Zone Jesuit Higher Education Association of South Asia (JHEASA) and Western Region Xavier Board of Higher Education of India (XBHEI) conducted the program in collaboration on Respecting the Other: Towards Inter-religious Harmony program conducted on September 14, and 15, 2023. The conceptualization programme committee was composed of Dr. Fr. Keith D’Souza SJ, Director DIRS, Vice President XBHE Western Region, Dr Vini Sabastian In charge Principal St. Xavier’s Institute of Education (Autonomous), Dr. Bobby Mathew, Assistant Professor, St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Dr. Anna Rovina Fernandes, Mount Carmel College Goa, Dr. Radha Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Ancient History, Culture and Archaeology, St Xavier’s College and Sr. Noella Dias, President XBHE Western region.

The program was designed and animated by the Department of Interreligious Studies (DIRS) of St. Xavier’s College Autonomous, Mumbai, under the leadership of Dr. Fr. Keith D’Souza SJ and Dr. Radha Kumar, Associate Professor. The student volunteers of the department took the lead to execute the programmes along with the team of West Zone XBHEI. We had 11 institutions with 52 participants from the West Zone Higher Education institutions participating for this program. The program had visits to 4 religious places - Jari Mari temple, Dadar Gurudwara, Mahim Durgah, and St. Peter’s Church, Bandra.

The programme was interactive and meaningful as it had an experiential part where there was a visit and next day an activity-based session where Ms. Sabah Khan founder of Parcham an organization committed to a just world, analyzed inter-religious relations. This was followed by a very interactive session by Dr.Fr. Keith D’Souza SJ on understanding inter religious harmony, with participants unleashing their creative side on a poster. Radhika Sood, a Sufi vocalist and composer, with her awesome Sufi recitals and Dr. Radha Kumar with her dance performance concluded the day with a meaningful connect with the almighty leaving us all, with a feeling of oneness. We hope that programmes like these will help in creating the awareness and respect for other religions and spread religious harmony.

Our sincere thanks to St Xavier’s College, Mumbai (Autonomous) and Xavier’s Institute of Engineering, Mahim for the financial support. We thank Dr. Fr. John Rose SJ, Zonal Coordinator, West Zone Jesuit Higher Education of South Asia (JHEASA) for his constant motivation and support.

We extend our sincere thanks to the President, Xavier Board of Higher Education Dr. Fr. Joji Reddy SJ and the Executive team for their support. I extend my sincere gratitude to all the College Principals for the cooperation and faculty who accompanied the students for the programme. We hope that programmes like this will make a difference in the lives of the students and eventually in our society.

## One Day Seminar/Workshop - XB Tamilnadu Region



XB Tamil Nadu Region in Association with Annai Velankanni Polytechnic College, Cuddalore organized a One Day Seminar on “Embracing a Harmonious Life with Peace & Positivity” held on 31st August 2023 at Annai Velankanni Polytechnic College, Cuddalore. XB Tamil Nadu Region in Association with Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur organized a One Day Workshop on “Building Bridges of Peace: Empowering Youth For a Harmonious World” that was held on 10 August 2023 at Zatti presentation Hall, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur.

**XAVIER BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA**  
**TAMILNADU REGION**  
*St. Assumptio 2023*  
**SACRED HEART COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)**  
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*Organized by*  
 A One Day Workshop on  
**“Building Bridges of Peace: Empowering Youth for a Harmonious World”**

**Resource Person**  
**Rev. Fr. Dr. Stanley Alex, OFM Cap.**, MSc., M.Phil., MS (Clinical Psychology), PhD (Psychology in PTSD) in Chicago,  
 Director of Fountain Institute of Psychology and Psychotherapy and Research, Sundampatti, Krishnagiri.

**Rev. Dr. Joe Sanjay, OFM Cap, PhD.**, Head, PG & Research Dept. of Psychology, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur - 635 601, Tirupattur Dt.

Venue

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# XB India & CCBI & CBCI

*Coordinating the Space for Mutual Learning*

## 34th Plenary Assembly of the CCBI



The 34th Plenary Assembly of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) was held at St. John's Academy of Health Sciences, Bangalore from 24th to 30th January 2023. The Conference began with the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration officiated by His Eminence Antonio Luis Cardinal Tagle, Pro-Prefect for the Section of Evangelization of Dicastery for Evangelization in the Roman Curia along with more than 150 Bishops, Archbishops and Cardinals at 9:30 a.m. in the Nursing college auditorium. The Theme of the conference was "Telling the story of Jesus in Our context. The Synodal way". The inaugural function was held at 11:30A.M followed by a fellowship meal. The conference is from 24th to 30th January. Dr. Sr. Teresa CSST, The Secretary General, Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, was a special invitee for the first day of the Conference.

## CBCI Educators Meet (22 February 2023)

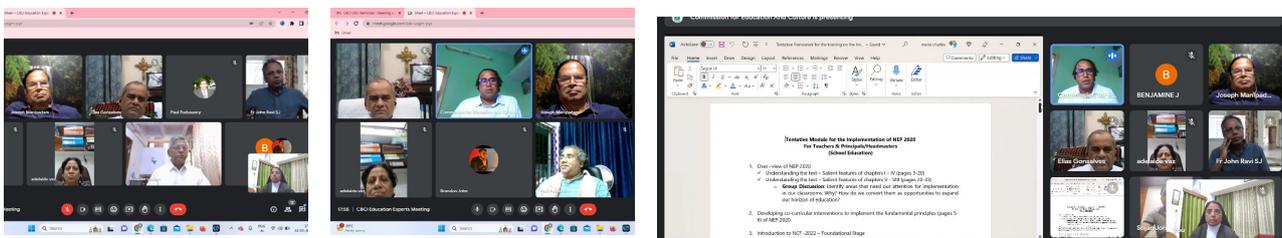


## NEP 2020 and the Methods of Implementation



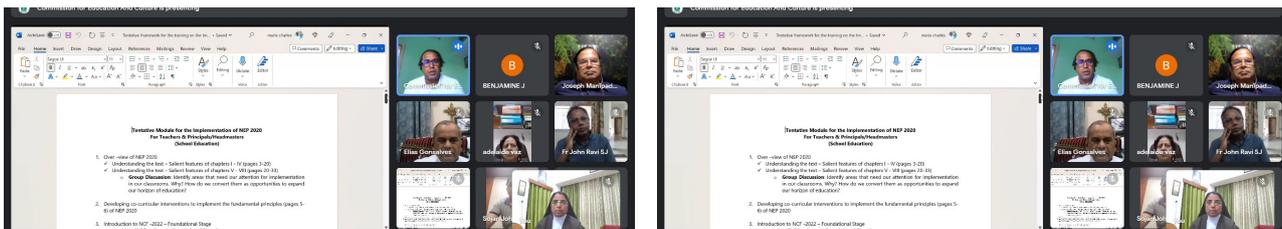
A Colloquium on “NEP 2020 and the Methods of Implementation” was organized by the Kerala Malabar Bishop’s Conference at Calicut Patoral Centre, Nav Jyotis on 9th March 2023. There were Ten Bishops, Major Superiors of Men and Women Religious Congregations, Corporate Managers of various Educational Institutions and Principals of various Catholic Colleges of Malabar participated in the event.

## Catholic Education Policy 2023



CBCI organized a Meeting for the Educational Experts on “National Education Leaders on Global Compact in Education” and Presentation of Draft Catholic Education Policy 2023 held Online on May 2nd 2023 at 4 pm.

## CBCI Regional Secretaries Meet



An Online Meeting for the CBCI National and Regional Secretaries was held on 10th August 2023 at 3.30 pm. Archbishop Rev. Dr. Elias Gonsalves, Chairman for the Education and Culture Commission presided over the event. Fr. Maria Charles, National Secretary presented the following agendas for discussion; 1) Current situation of Educational Institutions in Manipur, 2) Approved version of Catholic Education Policy 2023, 3) CBCI Child Protection Policy, 4) National Pan for Global Compact on Education, 5) National Symposium on Catholic Education in India from 23 to 25 November 2023 at St. John’s Medical College, Bangalore, 6) Regional Animation by the National Secretary, 7) Major Concerns by the Regional Secretaries. The meetings was concluded with the benedictory message by the Archbishop and concluding remarks by the National Secretary at 5.45 pm.

# I Conclude...

Dear Xavier Board Members,



As we come to the half of another Academic Year, I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support and participation in the activities of our esteemed

Higher Educational Organization XBHEI. We have always strived to be at the forefront of educational innovation and excellence, and your unwavering commitment to our mission is what propels us forward.

Over the past few months, we have witnessed remarkable growth in our institutional and regional activities in a more collaborative manner. The XB Member institutions that have received accolades and recognition on both national and international levels make us proud. Our commitment to academic excellence is reflected in the numerous scholarly publications and academic achievements of our staff and students.

Our collaborations at the regional and national level on significant areas have created a strong network that fosters mutual growth and development. We believe in the power of higher education to transform lives and are proud to be an active contributor to the progress of our ministry at the regional and national level. Our involvement in national-level programs has remained instrumental in shaping the educational landscape of our country.

The contributions to research, policy development, and capacity building organised through our educational institutions have been widely acknowledged. We are committed to furthering our impact on the national stage and working towards the betterment of higher education for all those in periphery.

Behind the scenes, our dedicated Executive Board members and National Executive Committee members have been tirelessly working to steer our organisation in the right direction. Board meetings at different levels have provided a platform for robust discussions and strategic decision-making. Your input and insights have been invaluable in shaping the future of our organization, and we look forward to the continued collaboration. As we look ahead to the coming months, XBHEI is poised for even greater achievements. We have exciting projects and initiatives in the pipeline, and we invite you to stay engaged with us as we embark on this journey. Your involvement and feedback are vital as we continue to evolve and adapt to the changing educational landscape.

We the National Executive Committee Members want to express our sincere appreciation for being a part of the XBHEI community. Together, we will continue to inspire, innovate, and make a positive impact in the field of higher education. Thank you for your trust and dedication.

*Warm regards*

**Dr. Sr. Teresa CSST**

Secretary General

Xavier Board of Higher Education in India

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**AGM Highlights**

**21 SATURDAY**

2:30 PM INAUGURAL MASS  
3:45 PM INAUGURAL FUNCTION  
5:50 PM AGM THEME  
Unveiling the Theme of the Xavier Board Annual General Body Meeting.

**22 SUNDAY**

9:30 AM SESSION  
"Integrating Ethical and Value Based Education in New Age Pedagogies: Institutional Commitment and Preparedness in Higher Education"  
10:40 AM PARALLEL SESSIONS  
"Historic Education: Incorporating the Spectrum of New Age Skills, Pedagogies and Praxis - Explorations and Experiences" (Presentations by the Colleges)  
12:00 NN REGIONAL BOARD MEETINGS

**23 MONDAY**

9:00 AM ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING  
11:00 AM VALEDICTORY FUNCTION  
12:00 NN XB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
XB Executive Board Meeting & Mail Signing b/w the XB Member Colleges  
3:15 PM XB NATIONAL EXE. COMMITTEE MEET

REGARDS & BEST WISHES  
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